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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT  
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Mr. Lon Thomas  
American Stone, Incorporated  
4040 South 300 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Re: Status of Notice of Non-compliance, Peoa Blonde Quarry, M/043/012, Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

As a result of the Division's November 23, 1999 field trip to the Peoa quarry, and our analysis that the disturbed area of the site has indeed expanded beyond the allowable 12-acre threshold as was alleged in the November 8, 1999 Notice of Agency Action (NAA), we are notifying you that we are holding our action in abeyance as we work with you to complete the permitting action for this site.

As was discussed when you met with me and Division Director, Lowell Braxton, on January 10, 2000, this type of non-compliance has occurred several times at your various operations. You were directed to make sure you obtained proper clearances and permits before expanding your operations in the future. Otherwise, the Division will again proceed with formal enforcement action.

Since the time of the NAA, the Division completed its initial review of your Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (LMO) submitted on October 8, 1999. You provided a timely response to the Division's December 16, 1999 review of the LMO on February 18, 2000. The Division staff is currently anticipating completion of a review of this latest submittal by mid March, 2000.

In conclusion, the Division is committed to work with you to resolve the final permitting issues in a timely manner. The Division will not proceed with the current enforcement action as long as the permitting process continues in an expeditious manner. We are hopeful that the permit can be finalized before summer.

As always, should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to give me or my staff a call.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Ann Wright,  
Associate Director of Mining

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cc: Summit County  
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